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FORTHCOMING SOVIET NUCLEAR TESTS

- I. Soviet decision to resume nuclear testing indicates there is little prospect for significant movement in Moscow's position on an adequate test ban control system, at least until their tests are over.
- A. With their own test series imminent, Soviet leaders hardly create atmosphere favorable to agreement with West on even minor issues concerning disarmament.
- B. Khrushchev's recent conversation with Amb Thompson indicated that Premier had little hope any disarmament agreement could be reached.
- C. Thompson has conjectured Soviets may explode "large bomb" as part of increasing pressure on West over Berlin. We think it will be at least 25 MT and maybe much higher yield.

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